

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1666
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VRS IN KULTI UNIT OF SAIL
Shukla Smt. Karuna;Tripathi Shri Chandramani

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the workers of the Kulti unit of Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited under the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) have been forced to submit their applications for seeking voluntary retirement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the separate number of workers who have got their payments after retirement and who are yet to get the payments;
- (d) whether the workers have represented against the compulsory Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS);
- (e) if so, the action taken thereon; and
- (f) the arrangements made for the workers who have not opted for the Voluntary retirement?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) 2861 employees who had opted for Voluntary Retirement (VR) have been released and VR payments made to them. Payment of Provident Fund (PF) has been made to all but 63 employees to whom payments are due, due to various reasons.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.
- (f) Only 31 employees have not opted for VR and a stay order is pending before the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta, relating to the above employees. The employees who do not opt for VR within stipulated date would be eligible only for retrenchment compensation.